

## MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND KNIGHTS WILL BE GUESTS OF CITY OF PENSACOLA TODAY

### SEATTLE SELECTED BY TEMPLARS FOR NEXT CONVENTION

Leonidas P. Newby, of Knights-town, Ind., Elected Most Exalted Grand Master.

### CHICAGO COMMANDERIES PUT UP THE BEST DRILLS

Win Four Out of Five Prizes Offered at New Orleans—22 Teams Participated.

(By The Associated Press)  
NEW ORLEANS, April 27.—After setting officers for three years and selecting Seattle, Washington, as the next convention city, the thirty-fifth convocation of the Knights Templar came to a close today. Leonidas P. Newby, of Knightstown, Ind., was elected Most Exalted Grand Master, succeeding Joseph K. Orr.

Other officers elected were: William H. Norris, of Manchester, Iowa, Deputy Grand Master; G. W. Valery, of Denver, Colo., Grand Generalissimo; William L. Sharp, of Chicago, Grand Captain General; P. W. Widener, of Los Angeles, Grand Senior Warden; Harry Walker, of Rochester, N. Y., Grand Junior Warden; W. H. Lines, of Meriden, Conn., Grand Treasurer (re-elected); F. H. Johnson, of Louisville, Ky., Grand Recorder; Bishop Charles B. Mitchell, of St. Paul, was appointed to the post of Grand Prelate. Other appointees were: I. P. Hettlinger, of Kansas City, Grand Sword Bearer; A. J. Agnew, of Milwaukee, Grand Warden; G. T. Campbell, of Owsingo, Wis., Grand Standard Bearer and John F. Hall, of Jacksonville, Fla., Grand Captain of the guard.

Chicago Commanderies won four of the five prizes offered for best drilled teams in exhibition drills. Englewood Commandery number 45, Chicago, declared 93.9 per cent perfect, won first prize; Columbia Commandery No. 43 of Chicago was awarded second prize with a score of 95.4 per cent; Chicago Commandery No. 19, was third with 93.2 per cent.

Twenty two teams representing every section of the United States participated in the drills.

The plan worked out by retiring grand master Orr by which \$400,000 would be expended annually for the education of American girls and boys was adopted at the closing session of the convocation. It was decided to appropriate \$100,000 immediately to state the idea. Members of the order will be assessed \$1 a year.

### BRILLIANT METEOR FALLS NEAR MACON

(By The Associated Press)  
AUGUSTA, Ga., April 27.—At nine minutes after 9 o'clock tonight, there passed over Augusta, southeast to northeast, what seemed to be a meteor. It appeared as a toy balloon and was very brilliant, being visible for nearly a minute. It did not fall in this locality, so far as is known.

MACON, Ga., April 27.—A meteor with a long tail was sighted here about nine o'clock tonight. It was moving northward and those who observed it said it appeared to fall outside the city.

### EXPLOSION FROM GAS PIPE INJURES TWELVE

(By The Associated Press)  
FORT WORTH, Texas, April 27.—Twelve persons were seriously injured and property damage estimated by the owners at \$100,000 resulted when an explosion resulting from a leak in a gas pipe wrecked a grocery store here today. Nearly a score of shoppers were in the store.

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### ALL GRADES OF COAL BE REDUCED IN PRICE

(By The Associated Press)  
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 27.—Leading Utah coal operators today announced that the prices of all grades of coal at the mine would be reduced 10 to 15 cents per ton on May 1. The reduction is the outcome of a thirty per cent reduction in miners wages which became effective April 1, operators said.

### IRISH IRREGULAR TROOPS LEAVE PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(By The Associated Press)  
DUBLIN, April 27.—The Irish irregular troops at Mullingar at 3 o'clock this evening vacated the public buildings they had been holding and left Mullingar. The movement was in answer to an ultimatum issued by General McKewen of the regular Irish forces who motored to Mullingar after having attended the funeral of Brigadier General Adamson, at Mullingar and gave the irregulars five minutes notice to leave the town or surrender.

### NEW ENGINE IS INVENTED FOR USE IN AUTOS

Goes Three Hundred Miles on One Gallon of Fuel Costing Five and One Half Cents.

(By The Associated Press)  
SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 27.—Three hundred miles by an automobile on a gallon of fuel costing five and one-half cents, is the claim H. H. Elmer, treasurer and general manager of the Globe Malleable Iron and Steel Company of this city, makes for an engine designed by himself, revealed to the directorate of the company at its annual meeting here today. Internationally known engineering experts, including Arthur West, chief of engineer of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, have inspected Mr. Elmer's engine, and are said to have pronounced it hundreds of years ahead of times.

Three full sized models were tested before the directors today. One of the models, a one-cylinder, three horsepower engine, ran continually for 18 hours on one and one-quarter pints of fuel, the directors stated.

The fuel used is oil, either mineral, animal or vegetable. No ignition or carburetor is used. One of Mr. Elmer's models has attained a speed of 2,500 to 3,000 revolutions a minute, he claims. The principle of the discovery is based on the chemistry of oil, according to Mr. Elmer.

A committee to arrange for the immediate development of the engine was appointed by the company directors today.

### PRESIDENT BARELY ESCAPES ACCIDENT

Change in Boats at Last Minute Prevented Chief Executive Possible Injury.

(By The Associated Press)  
POINT PLEASANT, Ohio, April 27.—President Harding's trip up the Ohio river today to participate in the general birthday anniversary of General Grant, narrowly escaped serious disaster, when part of the third deck of the steamer Island Queen crashed to the deck below carrying with it some 300 persons. Only half a minute's warning by cracking timbers gave a school children's band and many others on the deck below time to get from under the crashing deck.

That the President and Mrs. Harding and others in the presidential party were not aboard the Island Queen, was due to advice of government inspectors, late last night. They advised against the President making the trip on the old pleasure boat because of her condition. Consequently the President and his party were assigned to the Cayuga, a government boat, which led the flotilla of seven steamers from Cincinnati bearing between ten and fifteen thousand people.

The flotilla was passing New Richmond, Ohio, seven miles below Point Pleasant.

The Cayuga with the President aboard, leading the procession had cleared the village, New Richmond citizens, however, did not know of the changes in plans which put the President aboard the Cayuga. They began firing rockets as the Island Queen with its 8,000 passengers came abreast. Those on board crowded to the front decks to witness the spectacle ashore. Bands aboard were playing and everybody was in high spirits.

Suddenly there came the crashing and grating of timbers under the feet of the three hundred on the third deck. They felt the floor sink, they stood silent, apparently awe-struck for half a minute. Then came a deafening crash. The entire forward deck dropped. Still there was no panic.

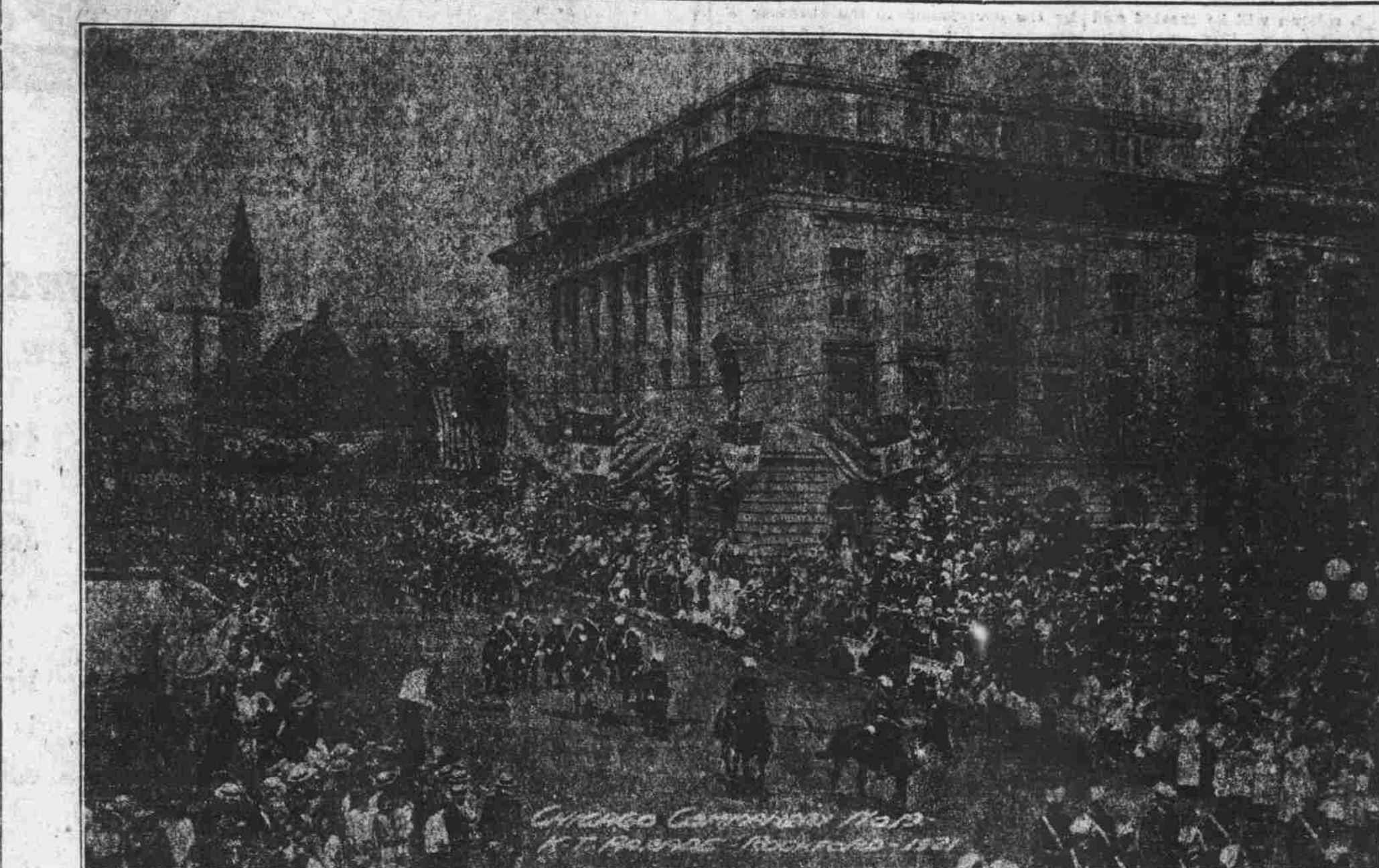
The Manchester Ohio school band had been playing immediately under the deck, there were 53 boys and girls, many boys in knee trousers.

But the half minute's warning saved the boys. At the first crash they began to hurry toward the stern. Some however did not make it in time and were caught. The chairs on which they had been seated however, held the load for a second, long enough to permit them to crawl to safety before the tons of timber and human weight crushed the chairs.

The crash of the falling deck resounded from bow to stern. Many thought the steamer was sinking. Others thought the boilers had exploded. Women fainted and became hysterical. One girl attempted to jump overboard. Officers caught her.

Officers shouted orders for people to remain in their places and keep quiet. Military officers and Cincinnati police of whom there were many on board, also cautioned against becoming panic stricken. The eleventh division band was on the deck immediately above, but which did not extend all the way over the ill-fated deck. They heard the crash and saw the deck drop. True to their military training, not a bandman stirred. They were playing a soft air and sensing the situation the director immediately struck up a lively tune. The music drowned out the cries of children and women. If no doubt had great effect in preventing panic throughout the forward decks.

### ONE OF THE COMMANDERIES WHICH WILL VISIT CITY TODAY



CHICAGO COMMANDERY, NO. 19, ON PARADE AT ROCKFORD, ILL., AUGUST, 1921. PHOTO SHOWS MOUNTED STAFF, OFFICERS, BAND AND COMMANDERY SIR KNIGHT ARTHUR H. PUGH, EMINENT COMMANDER PERLEY E. GUNTON, P. C. DUNN, MAJOR

### WINNERS OF PRIZE DRILL WILL BE IN PENSACOLA TODAY

The Englewood Commandery of Chicago won over all other commanderies in the great Knights Templar drill which was staged in New Orleans.

The Englewood Commandery will arrive in Pensacola today from New Orleans, making one of the sixteen commanderies to be the guests of Pensacola.

The Englewood is greater numerically than any other commandery which will visit Pensacola, and will come into the city in two sections.

### FLOOD DEATH TOLL BE LESS THAN TEN

List of Missing Reduced to 32 and Traffic in Fort Worth Approaching Normal.

(By The Associated Press)  
FORT WORTH, Texas, April 27.—With the list of missing reduced to 32, relief workers tonight expressed the belief that the death toll from the flood which swept this city early Tuesday would probably be less than ten. No additional bodies were found today. Two of the three flood victims whose bodies were recovered were buried today.

The latest estimate on the property damage put the figure at \$2,000,000. Refugees are being cared for at relief stations tonight. They number 2500.

A reward of \$500 has been offered by the levee board for information on reports that the dynamiting of the levee set loose the flood waters.

Railroad traffic was approaching normal, although the service on some roads was still crippled. Street car service was restored to the flooded section today.

### 5 KILLED WHEN MAIL TRAIN STRIKES AUTO

(By The Associated Press)  
WHITE OAK, Ga., April 27.—Five persons were killed and two others seriously injured, when a Seaboard Air Line mail train struck the automobile driven by Rev. B. C. Priokett, of the First Methodist church of this place, late today.

Margaret Salmon, 14; Pauline Salmon, 4; Vera Chaney, 14; Evelyn Priokett, 10, and Rev. B. C. Priokett, the preacher, dying within an hour.

The injured: Elizabeth Priokett, 8, and Mrs. Priokett, wife of the pastor.

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### HANCOCK QUALIFIES AS CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

(Special to The Journal)  
TALLAHASSEE, April 27.—Ben S. Hancock, of Pensacola, was in Tallahassee today and qualified with the Secretary of State as a candidate for Congressman from the Third congressional district. The present incumbent is J. H. Smithwick also of Pensacola.

### VISITING KNIGHTS PLEASED WITH COURTEOUS TREATMENT ACCORDED THEM WHILE HERE

Members of Apollo and Austin Commanderies En Route From New Orleans Conclave Enthusiastic Over Warm Welcome They Received While Guests of Pensacola People.

Led by a band of sixty pieces and wearing the stunning fatigue uniform of the Knights Templar, many adorned with decorations and medals, two hundred knights captured Pensacola yesterday, and carried away with them memories of a day bright with kindly intent and hospitable expression.

"We have travelled far and in New Orleans we met with many courtesies but not since we left Chicago have we known anything like the hospitality of your city, or its wonderful bay, its modern fortifications, its great naval air station, and its surf-bathing."

This and hundreds of equally enthusiastic expressions were heard yesterday from members of the Apollo and Austin Commanderies, who came into the city direct from the convention in New Orleans.

While there was much enthusiasm expressed for the entertainment in New Orleans, it was evident that the great majority of the Knights had found Pensacola a great surprise. Having expected to find a small town, perhaps, with a people kindly intentioned, they had found more than this—according to one of the Knights, who declared that they had been wonderfully welcomed here and that every Knight and also the ladies of the party would carry away with them the deepest feeling of appreciation of the hospitality shown and the beauties of Pensacola.

Band of Apollo.

Marching down the streets of Pensacola yesterday to entrain for the Pensacola Naval Air Station to the strains of "Onward Christian Soldiers" and returning to the stirring sound of "Dixie," the band of the Apollo Commandery, numbering sixty-two, made a splendid feature of the parade from the San Carlos to the bay, and return.

With many boats placed at the service of the visiting Knights, it was possible to give a boat trip to every Knight or lady of the party, and there was much enthusiasm as to the beauties of the bay and island, and the wonders of the surf, many taking advantage of the opportunity for a swim, and counting that as one of the chief pleasures of the day.

And not the least of the pleasures afforded was the reception at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, where the party was met by a naval escort, which conducted them over the great government plant, where in the Navy Yard Mess Hall they were entertained with a chowder dinner, such as can be served only in Pensacola.

The Apollo Commandery is practically the oldest Commandery west of the Alleghenies and continuing in its work and growth without interruption to the present time. Instituted in May, 1845, Apollo archives contain much of importance in the history of Chicago and the middle west during those times and its membership roll contains the names of possibly more prominent citizens of its community than any other Commandery in America.

Apollo Commandery was the guest of Pensacola Thursday, visiting this city on route from the Triennial Conclave at New Orleans. The party, occupying a special train of baggage cars, diner, Pullman sleepers and observation car, consisted of about two hundred Sir Knights, their ladies and guests, and including the famous Apollo Commandery band and drum and bugle corp of about sixty pieces. Fol-

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### UNUSUAL FEATURE TONIGHT AT AMERICAN LEGION PERFORMANCE

As was predicted a record attendance assembled at the Liberty Theatre on West Intendencia street last night to witness the interesting program presented by the Kelvin Hypnotic Company under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion for the benefit of the deficient school fund. The circus will continue through tonight and Saturday night, but those who have not seen at least one of the shows and hope to do so, are advised to attend tonight as there will be in all probability a large number to get seats. Every available seat was occupied last night.

There will be several changes in the program tonight. To demonstrate the perfect control of the human body when under the subtle powers of hyp-

### AUTOS SHOULD BE AT PLAZA AT NINE O'CLOCK A. M. TODAY

All who have not yet proffered their cars to the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Knights Templar Commanderies today, and who wish to participate in this hospitality, are asked to have their automobiles at the plaza, Garden and Baylen, this morning a little before nine o'clock.

A committee will be in waiting there to take charge and to assign the cars to their proper positions.

### SOCIETY WOMEN ARE RELEASED ON BAIL

Miss Winsor and Mrs. Evans of Philadelphia Were Arrested Wednesday on Five Charges.

(By The Associated Press)  
PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—Miss Ellen Winsor and her sister, Mrs. Rebecca Evans both widely known socially, today were released on bail of \$500 each on charges of inciting to riot, disorderly conduct, break of the peace, resisting an officer and violation of the traffic regulations.

The charges grew out of the efforts of a police sergeant at a meeting last night to raise a milk fund for Palestine to prevent Miss Winsor from distributing cards with a printed plea that President Harding grant amnesty to political prisoners. Mrs. Evans joined her sister when the officer placed her under arrest after a crowd had congregated.

### DANGEROUS FIRE GUTS BUILDING IN RICHMOND

(By The Associated Press)  
RICHMOND, Va., April 27.—Spreading with lightning like rapidity through the three floors, fire gutted the establishment of Baldwin and Brown, this afternoon and endangered the lives of several officers and employees. T. E. Mooney, president of the concern was trapped on the second floor and escaped only by breaking a window and making his way to the street.

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### FOLK ARM AGAINST VICIOUS SQUIRREL

(By The Associated Press)  
ANDERSON, S. C., April 27.—Folk who reside in the neighborhood of East Whittier street here were going armed today because of a vicious squirrel, which police have been unable to kill.

Many feared the animal was suffering with rabies and when it leaped out of a tree yesterday and bit Frank Stone, a motorman, severely on the right ear and hand. He went to work this morning with a shotgun, many citizens daunted with a heavy walking stick, but an old negro woman carrying a bundle of clothes appeared with a small hand saw for protection.

### MILLION DOLLAR BAND OF SILOAM COMMANDERY HERE

Visitors Will Be Shown Sights of the City, Naval Air Station and Forts.

### WILL BE GIVEN CHANCE FOR A DIP IN THE SURF

Committee From Coeur De Lion Commandery and Chamber of Commerce Kept Busy.

To the number of more than two thousand and with twelve bands discoursing patriotic and popular airs, sixteen Knights Templar Commanderies will arrive in Pensacola this morning, remaining over until this evening and enjoying the hospitality of the city and the many sights of interest.

The lines of the Pensacola Electric company, the many boats which have been brought into requisition, and at least one hundred automobiles will be used to convey the hundreds of Knights who will be shown the Pensacola Naval air station, with its wonderful equipment, the great coast fortifications of Fort Pickens, said to be the most complete and modern on the Gulf coast, the old Spanish fort at Barrancas, the splendid, land-locked harbor, the widest and deepest in the South, and the beauties of the Gulf of Mexico from Santa Rosa Island, where all will be offered an opportunity for a dip in the surf.

Six of the Commanderies come from Chicago, the Siloam Commandery of Oak Park, will be headed by its million dollar band, and will number 210; the Illinois Grand Commandery will have a representation of 185; the Chicago Commandery, 175; Chevalier Bayard of Chicago, 50; Englewood, section one, will number 170 and Englewood section 2, will number 122. The Woodlawn commandery will have a representation of 230.

Other commanderies, many of which will have their own bands, will be Mt. Vernon Commandery, Columbus, Ohio, 103; Hanselman Commandery, Cincinnati, 144; Mt. Calvert Commandery, Omaha, 50; Oriental Commandery, Kansas City, 100; Mt. Olive Commandery, Wichita, Kansas, 58; Dixon Commandery, Dixon, Ill., 25; Baltimore Commandery, 100; New Haven Commandery, 60; Kansas City Commandery, No. 10, 160.

The same general outline will be followed out in the welcome of each commandery, with the exception of the hours, the schedule having been so arranged that the specials, of which there will be at least twelve, will reach Pensacola at such hours as will make it possible to serve all guests, without undue crowding.

Not in all the history of Pensacola has so distinguished a gathering met together here as that which has gathered in Pensacola this week, and particularly today, and the two thousand Knights who will be received here this morning and who will spend the day sight-seeing and enjoying the various pleasures that the program offers, may feel that their welcome is most sincere and cordial. For many weeks the convention committee of the Chamber of Commerce, of which J. A. Jones is chairman, has worked with untiring zeal to show the hospitality for which Pensacola is noted, to these distinguished guests.

By train and boat and automobile the Knights will be conveyed from point to point, and it is safe to say that the day will be one of pleasure, judging by the reports from those who have already visited Pensacola, for the praises have been many, and with all modesty it may be safely predicted that the Knights Templars who arrive here today will indeed remember Pensacola as the City of Their Dreams.

CHICAGO COMMANDERY

Chicago Commandery was chartered in 1868, being the second oldest commandery in Chicago, and the largest at the present time. Some of the most prominent men of the city of Chicago have been identified with it in its fifty six years.

Chicago Commandery, No. 19 Knights Templar, has a membership of over twenty-three hundred Sir Knights and at the present time is by far the largest Commandery in the State of Illinois, and either the second or third largest Commandery in the United States—being surpassed by one Eastern commandery, and only one other that we know of.

The principal officers of Chicago Commandery are as follows: Arthur H. Pugh, commander, Jos. A. Downey, generalissimo, Geo. E. Dierssen, captain general.

The commandery will be accompanied by its own Knights Templar band of fifty-seven musicians. This is an organization inaugurated during the war period. Their first public appearance was made at the Triennial Conclave in Philadelphia in 1919. Since then, un-

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